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SUBJ: SLOWDOWN IN GROWTH OF ISRAELI PRIVATE CONSUMPTION

1. ISRAEL'S CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS RECENTLY PUBLISHED DATA SHOWING THAT PRIVATE CONSUMPTION, IN FIXED PRICES AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, DECLINED IN THIRD QUARTER OF 1974 BY 1.5 PERCENT (OR 2 PERCENT PER CAPITA) IF COMPARED WITH PRECEDING QUARTER, WHEN IT ROSE BY 5 PERCENT (4.5 PERCENT PER CAPITA) OVER FIRST QUARTER OF 1974. THESE FLUCTUATIONS WERE INFLUENCED PRIMARILY BY SHARP CHANGES IN PURCHASE OF DURABLES WHICH DECLINED IN THIRD QUARTER BY 15 PERCENT FOLLOWING RISE OF 24 PERCENT IN SECOND QUARTER. ON OTHER HAD, EXPENDIURES ON "FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO" DECLINED BY 1.5 PERCENT IN THIRD QUARTER AND 1 PERCENT IN SECOND QUARTER, WHILE EXPENDITURES ON SERVICES INCREASED BY ABOUT 1 PERCENT IN EACH QUARTER.

2. DURING FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1974, PRIVATE CONSUMPTION ROSE 6.5 PERCENT (OR 3.5 PERCENT PER CAPITA) IF COMPARED WITH SAME PERIOD IN 1973. IN FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1973, PRIVATE CONSUMPTION ROSE BY 12.5 PERCENT (OR BY ABOUT 9 PERCENT PER CAPITA) VER CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1972.

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